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I was to shoot partridges today with Jean de Caraman-Chimay, but it proved to be impossible because of engagements in Paris.

Lansing Warren, of the New York Times came to see me. Callender is on vacation. Warren is ~~very~~ distrustful of Mendès's political sentiments, especially in regard to reaching some sort of agreement with the Soviet Government. He reflects a common apprehension of the pro-Soviet influences emanating from some of the members of the Prime Minister's entourage.

He spoke of the bitter press campaign which is now taking place in some of the French newspapers against my supposed influence in trying to put France "at the foot of the wall" and to browbeat the French into accepting the U. S. European policy. The embarrassing thing about it is the effort to build up the impression there is a feud between myself and Dillon, which has no semblance of truth.

Sam Anderson, now Assistant Secretary of Commerce, visited me. I had not seen him for a couple of years and we talked about some of the problems in the field of international trade. He is especially concerned about the future economic position of Japan, where the population is multiplying rapidly and the means of supporting it, both agricultural and industrial, do not show promise of meeting requirements. To date, American expenditures have covered the gap but, with the cessation of the Korean war, more drastic provision must be made for the future.

Lee Brady came over and we talked a little about the problem of Mendès and his friends attempting to depict the State Department and myself as antagonistic to French interests.

Morell Clarke came out to the house and I went over with him the financial statements of his newspapers, of which he will not regain control before April 1 of next year. He is about to embark on a trip to Sweden, and afterwards to Spain.

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